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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: Duane Le Allen

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Installing an Operating System

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REPLY TO AN OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 15, 2000

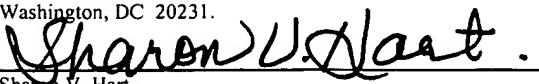
Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on March 15, 2000, claims 34-36, 39-42, 44, 47-49 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over alleged admitted prior art in view of Leyda; and claims 37-38, 43, 45-46 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over alleged admitted prior art in view of Leyda and in further view of Harding. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 34-43

The method of claim 34 includes providing a second configuration file that is external to an operating system package and installing the operating system package on a computer based on information in the second configuration file. A possible advantage of this arrangement is that when the operating system package is installed, a driver (of the operating system package) that is known to be corrupted or defective may be replaced or modified based on the information in the second configuration file. Of course other and different advantages may be possible.

In contrast, neither the alleged admitted prior art nor Leyda teach or suggest installing an operating system package based on the information in a configuration file. The CONFIG.SYS

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